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My dear Gray

Have you ever examined
Lycopis if so tell me what you think
of the floral envelope they
are generally described as
6 three outer ones
of which 2 lateral radi-
cular and persistent (a and b) quite glumaceous
the third (c) ~~was~~ very broad thinner
scarious or almost petalike convolute
so as completely to enclose the 3 inner
petaloid ones and very deciduous. Now
it appears to me that a and b inserted
at the base of the perianth tube and
persistent are proactely and that
c alone attached with the inner



more persistent ones to the apex of
the tube is the sole representative
of the outer perianth of Monocots

I had great difficulty in finding
the embryo of *Xepis* which nobody
has figured except Goetner who is
quite wrong. I found it at last
with Oliver's help (as indeed it has
been described in the generic character)
as lenticular under the small point
at the apex of the seed - applied to not
enclosed in the albumen.

I hoped to have seen the
copies of Genera by this time as I
understand it has been some days
in the binder's hands but no doubt
shall be able to send you box off
in a very few days

Yours very truly
George Donkany

I have been much puzzled with
the order ^{or} tribes of Liliaceae - Juncaceae
and have been obliged to arrange
them with special reference to the
Australian Genera - Baker has been
a great help to me - but he has
not done the so-called *Xerolida*
and the Australian *Melanthaceae*
and not much like your N. American
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